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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

German Patent No. 44 18 259, which is listed on attached Form PTO-1449, is discussed in the specification.

German references 40 09 674 and 298 17 679 were cited in the corresponding German patent application.

DE 40 09 674 discloses a plug connector for connecting a cable to a socket connector with a rigid electrical plug housing. The electrical plug housing has chambers for receiving the ends of the cables and their cores and for receiving the contact elements of a splicing mechanism or the like. An integral cable kink prevention tube of flexible material is fixed to the opening of the cable end chamber and has a bore of cross-sectional size greater than that of the cable to allow play. In this plug connector a core holding and guiding part, as described in the present invention, is not realized.

DE 198 30 707 discloses a clamping connector for wires used in the telecommunications and information technology, comprising a metallic connection element with contact slots, and plastics clamping elements with sealing lips. The lips are made of an elastomeric plastics material and are formed into a hard plastic base member. In the clamping connector known by Struck the core isolation is cut from the side by the contact

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blades of the contact elements. Therefore this clamping connector can not be used for end-faith connection of the conductors.

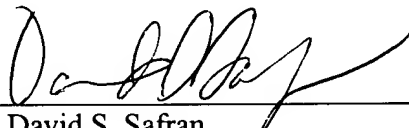
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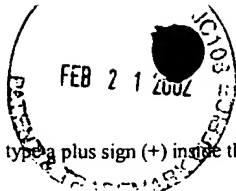
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